

**CAUSAL FACTOR:** *Driver Inattention*  
**ROADSIDE DEPARTURE:** *Right*

General Accident Information			
<b>Date:</b>	4-3-93	<b>Weather:</b>	Clear/Cloudy
<b>Time:</b>	1330	<b>Surface Condition:</b>	Dry
<b>Accident Type:</b>	Drive Off Road	<b>Lighting:</b>	Daylight
<b>Accident Severity:</b>	3 (A)	<b>Land Use:</b>	Rural
Driver/Occupant Information		Vehicle Information	
<b>Driver Age:</b>	25	<b>Year:</b>	1981
<b>Driver Sex:</b>	Female	<b>Vehicle Make:</b>	Chevrolet
<b>Impairment:</b>	None	<b>Vehicle Model:</b>	Citation
<b>Familiarity with Road:</b>	Unknown	<b>ABS:</b>	No
<b>No. of Occupants:</b>	2	<b>Defects:</b>	No
Roadway Information			
<b>Trafficway Type (Median):</b>	Not divided	<b>Alignment:</b>	Curve Left
<b>No. of Lanes:</b>	2	<b>Slope:</b>	Level
		<b>Speed Limit:</b>	72 km/h
Cluster Variables			
<b>GV14:</b>	01 No avoidance actions		
<b>GV64:</b>	13 Negotiating a curve		
<b>GV65:</b>	13 This vehicle traveling off the edge of the road on the right side		
<b>GV66:</b>	0 No avoidance maneuver		
<b>GV67:</b>	0 No avoidance maneuver		

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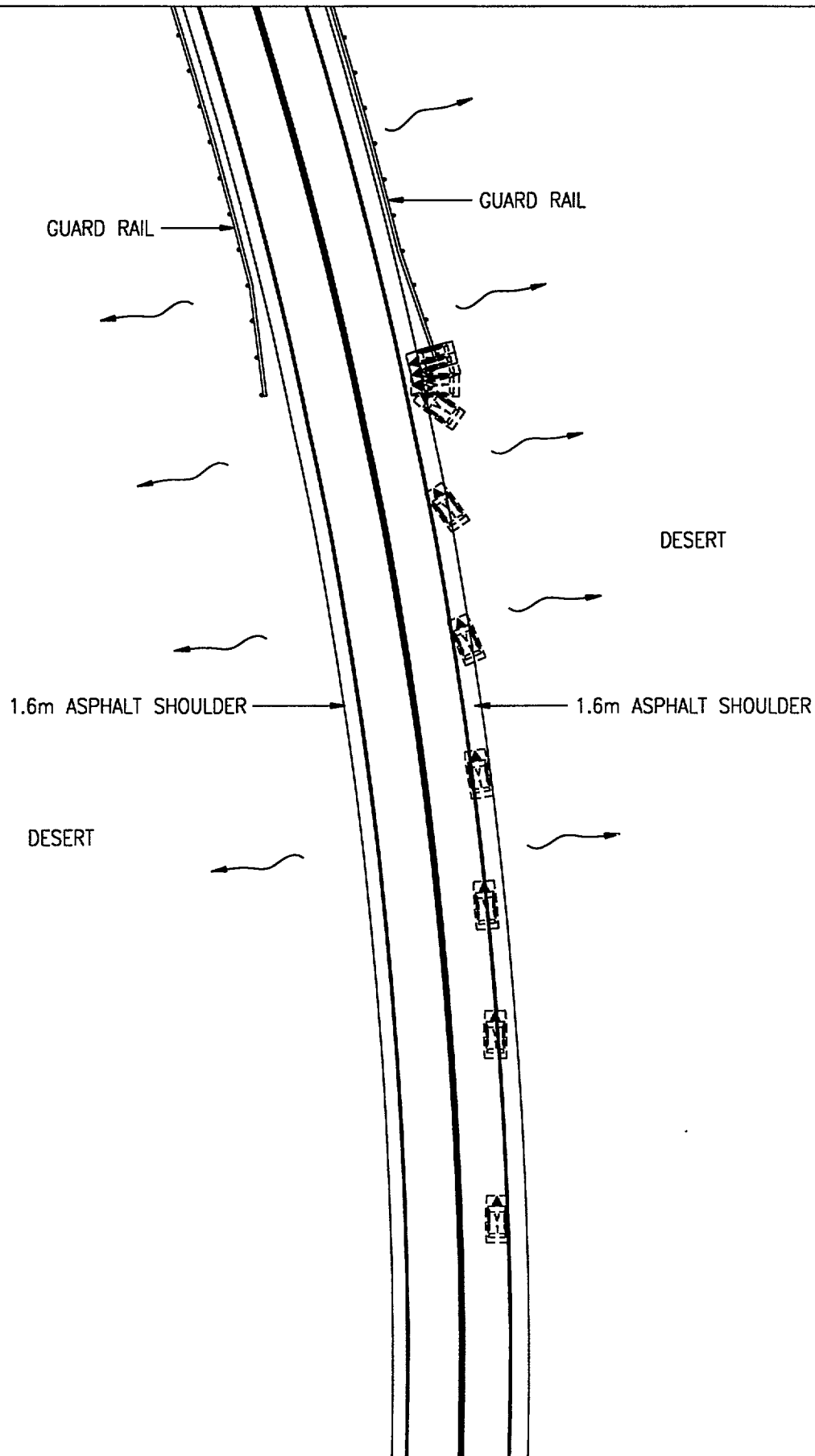
The subject vehicle was traveling north on a dry, level, two-lane, undivided, rural, asphalt roadway when the driver became distracted by a child passenger. As the driver looked at the child, the vehicle departed the road, traveled across the shoulder and dropped off the pavement onto the gravel area adjacent to the shoulder. The driver reacted by steering to the left. The vehicle rotated in a counterclockwise direction and struck the blunt end of a break away W-beam guardrail with the vehicle's right side plane. There were no adverse weather conditions or sight line restrictions. The road edges were marked by solid white lines in new condition and full barrier yellow lines also in new condition. The causal factor was driver inattention to driving task due to looking at a child passenger which allowed the vehicle to drift off the road.

# ACCIDENT COLLISION DIAGRAM

PSU No. 78

Case Number - Stratum 055K

Indicate North



# Vehicle Dynamic Scenario

